

CONCESSION GIVEN FOR BIG OIL FIELD

11,000,000 Acres in Mexico
Obtained From Obregon
by Americans

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—The Los Angeles Times today reported an announcement from the promoters that a group of Los Angeles manufacturers, bankers and oil operators has obtained from the Mexican government what amounts to a blanket concession on all government lands in the oil district of the east coast.

"It is by far the biggest oil transaction in Mexican history," the Times said, "and possibly the most important of its kind in the world, for it involves 11,000,000 acres of land adjoining rich workings of the oldest established companies in the Tampico and Tuxtepec districts."

The paper further declared "the transaction also has important political significance, coming as it does after the extended controversy between the Obregon government and the American oil companies, in which the United States government has as yet been an unsuccessful arbitrator."

The announcement came after the return from Mexico City of W. W. Wilson, G. E. Moreland and George J. Bush Miller, who stated they obtained the concession after an interview with President Obregon who personally went into the details of the enterprise.

The concession provides that 40 per cent of the gross proceeds go to the Mexican government; that the concessionaires pay five pesos a year a hectare for the lands they will exploit; that a deposit of 400,000 pesos be made and that 200,000 pesos be invested in works and exploration within a year.

Mary Chatter's Weekly Letter

My dear Louise:

With Christmas just the day after tomorrow everyone who is here is busy rushing around doing last minute shopping, and everyone who isn't here is coming in on the first possible train. No one has had time to even think about parties this week, but for next week they're scheduled thick and fast.

Laura Lee Hutchinson, who goes to Walnut Lane Seminary in Philadelphia, came home Thursday, and brought with her Jean DeWitt of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, who will spend the holidays with her. Then the University closed Wednesday, and Harpo said that he could get his "dates" all lined up for the festivities and not lose out on a single night. Melville Hutchinson, who attends St. Luke's School in Wayne, Pa., came yesterday, and I am wondering if he will "play up" to the guest, Laura Lee and Melville are the children of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hutchinson of Fairmont avenue; you know, and the brother and sister of Irene Hutchinson St. Lawrence, Martha Hutchinson Colborn and Florence Hutchinson, and their mother is Melville Davidson Peck's sister.

"Mimie" Hutchinson goes to Peddie Institute in Hightstown, N. J., and he came home Sunday to spend Christmas with his mother and father. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hutchinson, and his brothers and sisters, at "Sonnen" at. Every one of the Hutchinson boys and their wives are coming home, and Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson are going to have two nice parties for them, but I'll tell you about that later. Mrs. Hutchinson was in Pittsburgh this week, and I suppose she bought some pretty decorations and favors for the parties. Peddie came home the first of the week to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi B. Harr, in their home in Morgantown avenue.

Wilbur Hennen, who attends Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., came home the first of the week, and is spending the vacation period with his mother and father. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hennen, in their home in Locust avenue. Wilbur is Charles McMinn Hennen's brother, and he certainly is good looking.

Edwin Alexander is a student at Lawrenceville Preparatory School in Lawrenceville, N. J., and he came Monday to spend Christmas with his father and mother, Mr. and

Mrs. George M. Alexander, in their home in Benoni avenue. I saw him the first of this week, and he had on a great big racoon fur coat, and he has grown so that I hardly knew him. Judge and Mrs. James A. Meredith of Charleston, who are Jamison's mother and father, will also spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Alexander. Mrs. Meredith is Mrs. Alexander's sister.

Among the people who will spend the holidays away from here are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dechman, who have gone to Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Arthur G. Martin, who will spend Christmas in Cincinnati, Ohio, with her mother, Mrs. A. G. Baker; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wiedebusch, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tonny and Will Nicodemus, who will visit Mrs. Wiedebusch's and Mr. Tonny's parents in Westport, Md., and R. H. Fatt, who left Thursday night for Cedar Rapids, Ia., to spend the holidays with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hronick.

Mr. and Mrs. George Watson and their children Rosemary, Jane and S. L., II, left yesterday for Back Bay, Princess County, Va., where they and a party of friends will spend the holidays at a bunting club. They will go to Norfolk by train, and from there will take a boat to the club. Rosemary will go to Miss Chamberlyn's School in Boston, Mass., and Sylvanus goes to the Milford School in Milford, Conn. They came home Tuesday. Besides being very good looking Sylvanus is quite an amateur golf champion.

Mary Moulds Hurst, who had been in the East for the past two weeks attending a class reunion at Vassar College, from which school she was graduated last spring, and visiting a classmate in Greenwich, Conn., returned home Wednesday morning.

Otis Watson, who attends school in Exeter, N. H., came the first of the week to spend Christmas vacation with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James O. Watson, in their home "Port Hill Farm," Mary, who is his sister and who goes to Miss Maderia's School in Washington, D. C., came yesterday morning. The older sister, Eleanor, who is spending the winter in Europe, will probably be in Naples, Italy, Christmas Day.

Lindsay Frame is here, and he and Mary, who has been here for some time, will spend Christmas with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Frame, in their home in Adams street.

Holiday festivities will open on Christmas afternoon with a matinee dance in the Masonic Temple. "Ed" Barrett's Orchestra will play, and of course everyone is going. On Tuesday night there is to be a dinner dance in the Country Club, and on Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hutchinson are having a dance in the club for Lee and Katherine, of Cincinnati, Frank and Bonnie of Logan, Harold and Margaret of Montgomery and Brooks and Rae of this city. In the afternoon Mrs. Hutchinson is entertaining at tea from 3 to 5 o'clock at "Sonnencroft" for the four daughters-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Brady, who are Dunlap and Zell's father and mother, are going to have a bridge party New Year's evening in the Country Club.

Thomas Brett, who goes to the Shenandoah Military Academy in Winchester, Va., came home yesterday to spend the holidays with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Brett, in their home in Benoni avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peddicord left Wednesday for Hightstown, N. J., where Virginia is in school at Highland Hall to bring her home. I don't know whether they have come yet or not.

Marjorie Haas goes to the Maryland Women's College in Lutheran, Md., and she came home the first of the week to spend Christmas with her mother and father in their home in Benoni avenue. Joe Haas, who goes to the University, came home Wednesday night. Margaret J. Smith, who goes to Goucher College in Baltimore, is spending the holidays with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Smith, in their home in Benoni avenue. Harrison Conaway, who is a student in the West Virginia University in Morgantown, came here Thursday to spend

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Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Conaway, in their home in Virginia avenue.

Louise Showalter, who is Judge and Mrs. E. M. Showalter's daughter, and Brook's sister, came home from Chambersburg, Pa., where she attends Wilson College, to spend the holidays with her family in their home in Locust avenue.

Mrs. Frederick Randall and her son George of Santa Barbara, Cal., will come tomorrow morning to spend several weeks with Mrs. Randall's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Watson, in their home in Fairmont avenue.

Louise and Delmar Robinson of Winchester, Va., will arrive Tuesday morning to spend several days with Louise's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hall of Pittsburgh avenue. They were just married a few weeks ago, you know.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Barnes and their daughter, Irene, of Charleston will spend Christmas with their son Kenneth and his wife, Margaret, in their home in Cleveland avenue. Mr. Barnes is a member of the State Board of Control, and they all used to live here.

Isabelle McKinney, Dorothy Fisher, Jean Scott, Mabel Stoneking and Mary Smith, who go to Mount de Chantal Academy in Wheeling, came home Wednesday to spend the vacation period with their parents. Frances said in a recent letter that Mary Smith had won a prize for being the best dancer at the academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lyon and Sarah, who had been in New York City for several days, came home Thursday morning. Sarah goes to the Mary Lyon School in Swathmore, Pa.

Ruth Morgan, who attends the Episcopal Institute in Chatham, Va., is spending the Christmas season with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Morgan, in High street.

I went up to the Far Mar dance in the Masonic Temple for a little while last night, but was too tired to stay long. "Ed" Barrett's Orchestra played and the music was sublime. Everyone who is home from school was there, and all of the girls looked very pretty in their new clothes. Brown and black was the predominating color in the gowns, with here and there a vivid touch of color.

A Mildred Gaskill, who is "Ed's" wife, was perhaps the most extremely dressed of all present, and she really looked just as her great grandmother may have. Her frock was of a black crepe, the bodice made in a basque effect and the skirt was very, very long, and was bouffant at the top. With this she wore a small black toque.

Marjorie LeMasters, who is Mildred's sister, wore a pretty black

velvet gown, beaded elaborately with bronze cycles.

Virginia Lough wore a sapphire blue panne velvet gown with long panels at the sides, and a roll of the velvet at the waist. Her costume was completed by a hat which matched her gown.

Mrs. S. D. Brady looked lovely in a sapphire blue and black gown with which she wore blue beads and ear rings, and a blue hat. Jean DeWitt of Philadelphia, who is visiting Laura Lee Hutchinson, looked so pretty in a black gown with a beautiful chantilly lace bertha, and a black hat. Florence Hutchinson was charming, as ever, in a gray beaded gown.

Louise Johnson, alleged to be the most beautiful girl in the city, wore a black lace dinner gown over a scarlet slip. Doris Jenkins, who resembles Frank Jamison's sister, Pauline, wore a pretty afternoon gown of beaver brown canton crepe, with a hat to match.

Mary Hurst looked lovely in a brown beaded gown, which is fur trimmed, and Mary Hartley Greer wore a brown embroidered gown, with a hat to match.

Well dear, I must run along and do some more last minute shopping. Worlds of love, and best wishes for a very merry Christmas.

from MARY CHATTER.

P. S.—I almost forgot to tell you that Paul (Haymond) and Pauline (Jamison) had a dance together last night. I suppose they have made up again, or if not they will soon. But who can remain angry at the Christmas season? M. C.

MONONGAH

The Philomathean Literary Society rendered a Christmas program Friday morning. The program was as follows: Flag salute, by school; song by the school. Silent Night Scripture reading, Junior Altire; "Significance of Christmas," Margaret Tropen; violin solo, Allen Melton; Christmas reading, Helen McKain; vocal solo, Mary Oakes; debate, "Resolve: that there is a Santa Claus," affirmative, Catherine McGraw and John Talbott; negative, Ester Kuhn and Harold Fletcher. The judges were Junior Martin, Geneva Martin and Margaret Robinson.

A reading was also given by Elizabeth Jones, Christmas and Santa Claus, was portrayed by Andrew McKain.

There were several friends present. Among them were Margaret Robinson, Geneva Martin, Madge

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Personals

Clyde Satterfield of Lambert Street, who has been a patient at Cook Hospital, was brought home yesterday for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cornell was visiting in Fairmont yesterday. Mrs. Harvey Hall was shopping in Fairmont yesterday. Joe Rinehart of Eldora was Hartwick, Ted McDaniel, Miss Betty Klingensmith, Irene Smith calling at the home of Mr. Lee Rinehart yesterday.

Miss Grace Payne left yesterday

for her home in Hedgesville, Pa., where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

Misses Elizabeth and Betty Klingensmith left yesterday evening for their home in Pittsburgh, Pa., where they will spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives.

James Mori was a business caller in Fairmont yesterday.

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